

SAMVOINT



**South African
Military Veterans Organisation
International**

Our dedication, motto and inspiration:

This Veteran Organisation, through its global subordinate organisations, dedicates itself, in grateful recognition and memory of our countrymen, the Immortal Dead of South Africa, who, at the call of duty, made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefields of Africa, Europe and Asia, on land, at sea and in the air.

Their ideal our legacy, their sacrifice our inspiration.



The unique identity and brand of our South African Military Veterans Organisation

SAMVOINT in 2020

SAMVOINT is the product of an idea that started in Australia back in 2003 under the auspices of the South African Military Veterans Organisation of Australasia (SAMVOA).

SAMVOA unites South African veterans resident in Australia, New Zealand and surrounding countries, providing our Veterans with opportunities to connect with other South African veterans living in the same geographical locations.

SAMVOINT unites South African veterans resident all over the world and inherits the same values and core focus as the founding organisation, SAMVOA.

We are first and foremost a Single Rank organisation from all four service Corps (Army, Air Force, Navy and Medical Services) and South African para-military services, with a strong focus on Remembrance, Equality, Brotherhood and Reconciliation.

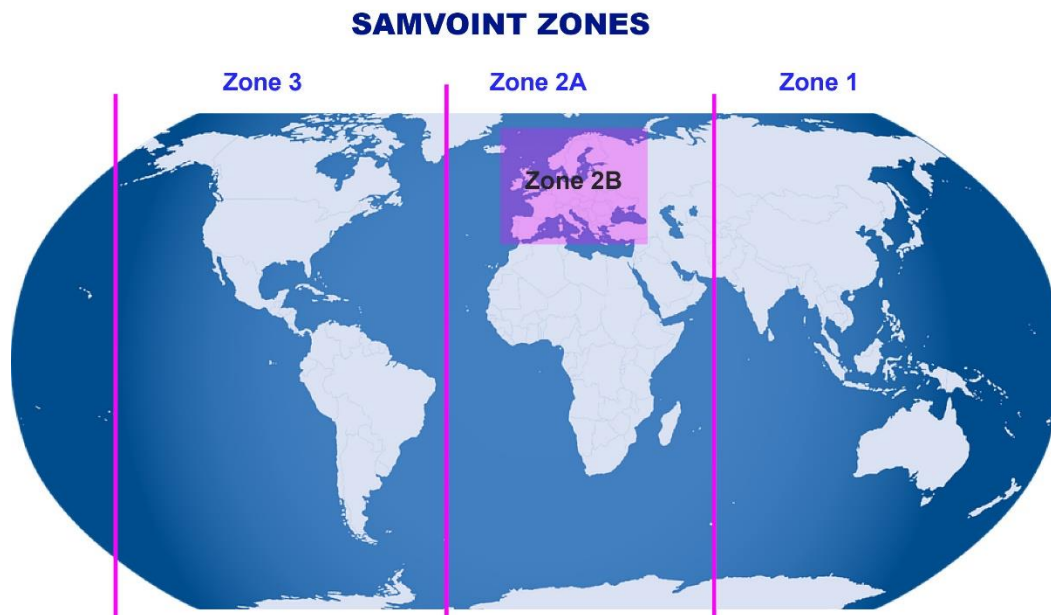
Under a single, registered brand, we unite under the SAMVOINT banner.

The SAMVOINT Global Organisation

SAMVOA initially drew applications from Service ex-pats living in other parts of the world and this resulted in the following global SAMVO Zones being established. These zones are structured according to aligned geographical and time parameters:

Zone Identifier	Title	Regions
Zone 1	SAMVOA <i>South African Military Veterans Organisation of Australasia</i>	Australia, New Zealand and countries peripheral to Australasia / Asia Pacific
Zone 2A	SAMVOZA <i>South African Military Veterans Organisation of South Africa</i>	South Africa, rest of Africa and peripheral countries
Zone 2B	SAMVOEU <i>South African Military Veterans Organisation of the European Union</i>	Great Britain, Ireland, Europe and peripheral countries
Zone 3	SAMVOUSA <i>South African Military Veterans Organisation of the United States of America</i>	USA, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, South America and peripheral countries

A graphic representation of our SAMVOINT global zones



Membership

Our SAMVOA membership currently stands at 1,290 members, who belong to one of the many Clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Our SAMVOINT global membership (including SAMVOA) is at 2,000 and growing steadily each year.

Our members meet on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, share experiences, organise events, network and enjoy good fellowship. This is very important to us as we no longer have the ability to pop down to the local MOTH Shellhole, Regimental HQ, SA Legion or other South African Veteran meetings, as domiciled South Africans are able to do.

SAMVOINT membership is open to any South African ex-serviceman or woman and if you are interested in joining us, check out our SAMVOINT Website at <https://www.samvoint.org/membership>.

There is no cost involved and on acceptance of your membership application, you will become part of a global South African military veterans organisation, keeping you in touch with fellow South African veterans no matter where they live, who also look after the interests of Veterans like us.

Connect through Social Media

A popular medium for contact and participation by our Members is through our [SAMVOINT Facebook Group](#) and members are encouraged to visit and join this group to stay in touch with events and activities happening in your region and across the global SAMVOINT community.



In addition, we have created the [SAMVOINT Buy and Sell Group](#), specifically for members to advertise militaria, memorabilia and related items for sale. Please feel free to interact with your fellow SAMVOINT members on our group pages as much as you would like, or as you feel comfortable. We believe that we are all equal and your views are important. We do ask, however, that your views and opinions remain within our Facebook Rules and Regulations.



Remembrance: Services and Parades

Aside from the benefits of SAMVOINT membership, we feel it is very important to “tell our story” and we participate enthusiastically in local commemorative services and parades. We proudly take our place alongside other nations and march with pride and discipline and are well regarded amongst Veteran circles within our adopted countries.

Each Zone takes on the commemorative services or parades of their host country, eg:

- ANZAC Day is the most important day in the Australia/New Zealand Veteran calendar and this occurs on 25 April each year. This is a public holiday, with major parades and services taking place in all cities and towns throughout both countries.



- In the USA, the focus is on Memorial Day, which takes place on the last Monday in May.
- SAMVOINT has also initiated a day to commemorate the start of the Border War, which we call “Boshoe Dag” on 26 August every year. We encourage members to wear a token, or a part of their uniform, such as a bush hat, or their dog-tag. We further proposed that the South African Council of Military Veteran Organisations (CMVO) adopt this day, which has since become a regular event on the CMVO annual calendar.

We must be doing something right as is evident from our growing global membership and we have achieved this by enabling our members to participate to the level that they feel most comfortable. Having said that, when we do participate in any event, we do so with pride in our military service history, reflected in the high level of drill, dress and discipline we display, and which never goes unnoticed by our host country counterparts and public.



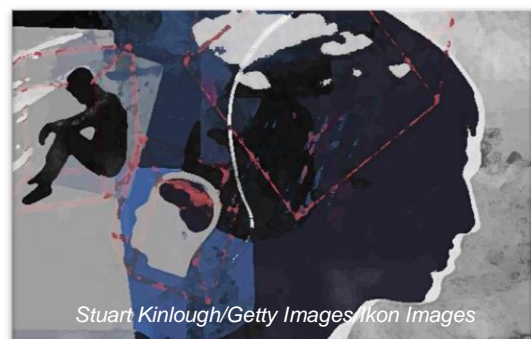
Support Services

With our membership numbers increasing specifically in South Africa, we can offer resident South Africans the following support services through our SAMVOZA and SAMVOINT teams:

- **Welfare**

For members who may require some form of medical assistance, such as coping with PTSD, we have a Peer Support Group staffed by professional members who can assist in referring members to the right assistance in their host country.

This is led from the USA, although support to our Veterans is not confined to the United States - it is available to all our members across the global SAMVOINT organisation.



- **Medals**

SAMVOINT is well positioned to support medal applications, as we maintain a structured process and official communications channel into SANDF Ceremonial in Pretoria. We submit and track all applications on your behalf.

However, medal applications can still take a significant amount of time to be processed and results cannot always be guaranteed within a defined period of time.



Medal rack of late Major Arthur Walker, HCG & Bar, SM

If you wish to follow up on your medals, or apply for one you have earned, please fill out the medals application form on our website here:

<https://www.samvoint.org/medals/medal-application>

- **Veteran Affairs**

SAMVOINT provides other support services to our Veterans, as well as to the community in South Africa:

- ❖ Our office facilitates applications for Department of Veteran Affairs (DMV) benefits and ensures that these are processed through the correct channels.
- ❖ We facilitate admission to military hospitals.



- ❖ Our “Safe House Project” assists needy veterans with temporary accommodation available for those waiting for housing benefits from the DMV. We currently have one Safe House and are progressing towards acquiring a second.



- **Community Upliftment**

The “SAMVOINT Remote Community Upliftment Program” (RCUP) is a community development program, entirely dependent on applying the skills of our members to the benefit of local communities. This is based on the concept and the application of an Antonov An-2 aircraft that supports “not-for-profit” charity and community support initiatives such as the essential supply of fresh water to remote areas.



Thank you for your interest in SAMVOINT and if you would like to contribute in some small way, even if you are not a Veteran or a member, please contact Veteran Colin Bowring at our Johannesburg Office on colinb123c@gmail.com, or myself, Veteran Tony Macquet at our Melbourne Head Office on tmacquet@samvoint.org

Best Veteran regards,



Veteran Tony Macquet MMM

Chairman – SAMVOINT